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Dear Mr. Sanchez:

As I am sure you are aware, there is considerable concern over the water situation in Pine. I counted over 100 people at the hearing in Phoenix on August 6th. I just received my bill from Pine Water Co. (Brooke) and would like to illustrate why I am upset.

We are what the folks in Pine refer to as "flatlanders". We have owned a cabin in Pine since 1996. We spend a few weeks there in the summer and come up when we can on weekends. We probably average fewer than 60 days each year in Pine. To help conserve water, we bring drinking water up with us. We save our bath water for watering outdoors. Of course, we pay all taxes and fees based on 365 days per year.

For the month through August 23 we used 790 gallons of water at a base cost of \$4.74. We also pay a minimum charge of \$18.45 every month. We were charged \$1.54 for taxes and **\$45.19 in hauling charges**. Our total bill came to \$69.92. That equals 88 cents per gallon. Hauling charges came to 57 cents per gallon.

I just do not see how these fees and charges can be considered reasonable. It is almost the cost of having bottled water delivered (which we don't do).

It is my opinion that the Gila County and the State need to be more aggressive in working to conserve our current water resources, develop the new wells for the reasonable use of the citizens and determine what constitutes fair and reasonable charges for the delivery of our water.

I look forward to your response and comments.

William Albert

CC. Commissioner Mayes

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